

Claims

- [c1] A fee based ranking BBS comprising:
a user device;
a network;
a database comprising an author field, a subject field, a date field, a message field and a monetary field; and,
a server configured to run a BBS and process a user command;
said server configured to monetarily rank information stored in said database and present said information via said network to said user device.
- [c2] A method for a fee based ranking BBS comprising:
viewing a topic list;
selecting a topic from said topic list; and,
viewing at least one message header list comprising monetarily ranked message headers.
- [c3] The method of claim 2 further comprising:
posting a first message to said topic; and,
entering a first monetary amount associated with said posting.
- [c4] The method of claim 3 wherein entering comprises bid–

ding up to an amount.

- [c5] The method of claim 3 wherein entering comprises paying a fee for a position.
- [c6] The method of claim 3 further comprising:
selecting a calendar based duration for said posting.
- [c7] The method of claim 3 further comprising:
purchasing an increased message header text field for said posting.
- [c8] The method of claim 3 further comprising:
charging a second user a second monetary amount for viewing said first message.
- [c9] The method of claim 3 further comprising:
paying a first user who posted said first message a third monetary amount when a second user views said first message.
- [c10] The method of claim 3 further comprising:
charging a second user a second monetary amount for viewing said first message; and,
paying a first user who posted said first message a third monetary amount when said second user views said first message.
- [c11] The method of claim 3 further comprising:

notifying a user when a second message is posted to said topic with a second monetary amount which is greater than said first monetary amount associated with said first message.

- [c12] The method of claim 11 wherein notifying comprises polling via the user device.
- [c13] The method of claim 11 wherein notifying comprises sending a message to said user device.
- [c14] The method of claim 3 further comprising:
authenticating a user.
- [c15] The method of claim 3 further comprising:
interacting with an external credit card processing system.
- [c16] The method of claim 3 further comprising:
sharing content with an affiliated BBS.
- [c17] The method of claim 16 further comprising charging said affiliated BBS a fee.
- [c18] The method of claim 16 further comprising paying said affiliated BBS a fee.
- [c19] A computer program product for fee based ranking comprising computer readable program code embodied

in a memory medium, said computer readable program code configured to:

display monetarily ranked message header lists in a plurality of viewing areas; and,

display in a message text area a message text corresponding to a highest monetarily ranked message header displayed in one of said plurality of viewing areas.

[c20] The computer program product of claim 19 further configured to:

accept a post of a first message; and,

obtain monetary ranking information from a first user corresponding to said post.

[c21] The computer program product of claim 20 further configured to:

accept a time duration for said post.

[c22] The computer program product of claim 21 further configured to:

notify said first user when a second message is posted having a second monetary amount which is greater than a first monetary amount corresponding to said first message.